



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11 OCTOBER 1983

TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lambertville Railroad Station
Lambertville, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 11 October 1983

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Sayen, Zaikov,
Hamilton, Jessen and Torpey

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Carr, and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Mr. Michael Galley, N.J. Water Supply Authority
Mr. Paul Stern, State Park Service
Mrs. Betty Davidson, D & R Canal Coalition
Mr. John Hazen, the Lambertville Beacon

Mr. Kirkland opened the meeting and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1974 had been properly met.

The minutes of the meeting of 13 September 1983 were unanimously passed following a motion made by Mr. Zaikov and seconded by Mr. Torpey.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Amon and Mr. Carr recommended the following review projects for the Commission's approval:

83-0219	Dickson Development Corporation
83-0221	Virginia Fagen
83-0222	S.T. Peterson

Following a motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Jones the above review projects passed unanimously.

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LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of the following leases that were up for approval:

Franklin Township	Land used for public park	\$ 25.00 per year
P.S.E. & G.	Land used for small building	\$180.00 per year
Herbert D. Johnson (Hanover St. Canal House)	Dwelling	\$150.00 per month

Following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Sayen, the above leases were unanimously approved.

GRIGGSTOWN CAUSEWAY PROJECT

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of the problems resulting from work done by Somerset County at the Griggstown Causeway and of a meeting that was held with Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton said that he does not think it would be reasonable to have the stone laid up like the rip-rap along the canal. The question of the guardrail arose and it was mentioned that it could be moved back and shortened where possible because as they are now they destroy the ambiance of the causeway. Mr. Amon feels that the road is becoming channelized and that Griggstown is not the place to compromise. Mr. Jessen pointed out that the Commission must accept the need to have new crossings because the area is rapidly growing. He said that it is just a matter of where and when, and the Commission should decide where it will be less obtrusive. Mr. Amon was asked to call the county engineering people to discuss the Commission's concern and to explain that the Commission will accept the stone as it is but wants the guardrail moved and shortened. This was made into a motion by Mr. Hamilton, it was seconded by Mr. Zaikov and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamilton pointed out that the Commission has been invited to meet with the Franklin Township Planning Board in order to review the interaction between the Township Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances and the goals of the Canal Commission for the Canal Park. Mr. Amon will make a specific date and inform the members of the Commission.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Mr. Amon discussed at length the sesquicentennial celebrations for the D & R Canal. Details can be seen in Newsletter #1, dated 20 October 1983.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Before Mr. Stern began his report Mr. Kirkland informed the Commissioners of the Bureau of Park's financial aid in having the floors refinished at the Canal House. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey it was unanimously passed that a resolution of "Thanks" should be sent to the State Park Service.

Mr. Stern then informed the Commissioners of the following Canal Park projects:

(See attached Report #8, dated 21 October 1983)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon reported that there is some \$75,000 left in the Federal grant the state received for the conversion of the Bel-Del railroad right-of-way into a multi-use trail. The time in which this money must be spent is about to expire so Mr. Guidotti has suggested that all portions of the right-of-way that have not been improved be scraped, covered with gravel fines, and rolled. Mr. Jones moved approval of this plan; Mr. Hamilton seconded the resolution and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Over the course of the last two months we have:

1. Brushed back the railroad right-of-way from Washington Crossings to Lower Ferry Road.
2. Replaced the fence at the Sherman House.
3. Installed a fence at our parking lot at Alexander Road. Fence limits vehicle access to the planted area.
4. Replaced a section of roof and finished the repairs to the dutch gutters of the park office.
5. Maintained grass mowing and trash pick up operations.
6. Installed a baracade at Maddock Road.
7. There was little volunteer activity.
8. The corrections crew from Jamesburg has moved to Sandy Hook and we no longer have their help. Investigating the possibility of getting a crew from Skillman.
9. 12 of the 13 seasonals have ended their employment.
10. Attendance was once again high, with Bulls Island being full to capacity on all 5 weekends in August and into September.
11. Began to paint the interior of the office at Bulls Island and renovating the kitchen and resurfacing the floors.
12. Began to install the exhaust fans at the wash house.
13. Cleared 4 fields along River Road in Millstone River Valley opening up access to the river at these locations.
14. Brushed back a section of railroad right-of-way near Hermitage Avenue.

In the Month to come we intend to:

1. Begin stockpiling fill at tow path access points for spreading on tow path (DOT).
2. Begin to rake tow path from Landing Lane to South Bound Brook and from 10 Mile Lock to Kingston.
3. Mowing fields at select locations along River Road and within the Millstone River Valley. I had originally hoped to burn these areas but there has been a reorganization in F.F.S. & Forestry which will delay this activity.

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4. Begin fall clean up of the tow path. Massive pick up campaign.
5. Start to dismantle the equipment at day use areas.
6. Winterize water and heating systems.

Report submitted by Paul Stern, Superintendent
D & R Canal State Park